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(1216-1294) KUBLAI KHAN

Emperor of China. Founder of the 23rd Chinese dynasty. Became grand Khan of the Mongols (1259) and in 1260 he was invited by Si TSONG to aid in the expulsion of the KIN TATAR dynasty. In response Kublai invaded China, subdued the northern portion of the country and established his capital at KAMBALU. Completed the conquest.

of southern China (1279), thus becoming
master of the whole kingdom. He was a
patron of literature and encouraged industry,
agriculture and commerce. He invited
the Pope to send Christian missionaries
to China, but this was not done. Marco
Polo spent 17 yrs at Kublai's Court